

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 16 to 20 and amend claim 1 as follows:

1.(currently amended) An applicator for applying an oxidative hair dyeing mixture ~~dye~~ to human hair, said applicator (1) comprising two compartments (2,3) and a product-dispensing area or spot (4), said two compartments including a first compartment (2) containing an oxidative ~~for a hair dye composition~~ and a second compartment (3) containing ~~for an oxidizing agent and a product-dispensing area or spot (4) for dispensing both the dye composition and the oxidizing agent;~~

wherein said two compartments (2,3) are provided with respective product-dispensing openings (5,6), which are arranged so as to open next to each other into the product-dispensing area or spot (4).

2.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 1, wherein said respective product-dispensing openings (5,6) are closed with corresponding liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) made of a spongy material, bristles or a fabric.

3.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 2, wherein said liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) are made of felt.

4.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 2, wherein said liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) protrude beyond said product-dispensing openings (5,6).

5.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 2, wherein said liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) protrude beyond said product-dispensing openings (5,6) by about 1 to 10 mm.

6.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 1, wherein one (5) of said product-dispensing openings is arranged centrally and provided with a circular cross-section and another (6) of said product-dispensing openings concentrically surrounds said one (5) of said product-dispensing openings and has an annular cross-section.

7.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 1, wherein said respective product-dispensing openings (5,6) are closed with corresponding liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) made of a spongy material, bristles or a fabric and said liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) protrude beyond said product-dispensing openings (5,6); and

wherein one (5) of said product-dispensing openings is arranged centrally and provided with a circular cross-section and another (6) of said product-dispensing openings concentrically surrounds said one (5) of said product-dispensing openings and has an annular cross-section.

8.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 6, wherein said first compartment (2) is cylindrical and said second compartment (3) surrounds said first compartment and has an annular cross-section.

9.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 7, wherein said first compartment (2) is cylindrical and said second compartment (3) surrounds said first compartment and has an annular cross-section.

10.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 1, wherein one of said two compartments (2,3) is exchangeable.

11.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 2, wherein said first compartment (2) is insertable together with one (7) of said inserts into a remaining portion of the applicator or into said second compartment (3).

12.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 11, wherein said first compartment (2) is insertable through an opening (11) in a base (12) of said remaining portion and is provided with a stop (13) for keeping said first compartment (2) at a desired position in relation to said second compartment (3).

13.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 1, further comprising a covering foil (18) for closing the product-dispensing spot or area (4) and

wherein the covering foil (18) is connected in a liquid-tight manner with walls (14,15) of said two compartments (2,3).

14.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 10, further comprising a covering foil (18) for closing said product-dispensing openings (5,6).

15.(previously presented) The applicator as defined in claim 11, further comprising a covering foil (18) for closing said product-dispensing openings (5,6).

16.(new) The applicator as defined in claim 1, wherein said oxidizing agent comprises a peroxide solution.

17.(new) An applicator for applying an oxidative hair dyeing mixture to human hair, said applicator (1) comprising a first cylindrical compartment (2) for an oxidative hair dye composition and a second compartment (3) for an oxidizing agent, said second compartment surrounding the first compartment and having an annular cross-section;

wherein said first cylindrical compartment is insertable through an opening (11) provided in a base (12) of a remaining portion of the applicator, said remaining portion comprising said second compartment (3), and said first cylindrical compartment is provided with a stop (13) so that said first compartment cannot travel beyond a desired final position in said second compartment (3);

wherein said compartments (2,3) are provided with respective product-dispensing openings (5,6), which are arranged so as to open next to each other into a product-dispensing space or area (4), corresponding liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) are arranged in said respective product-dispensing openings (5,6) and said inserts (7,8) are made of a spongy material, bristles or a fabric; and

wherein said first cylindrical compartment is exchangeable in operation to change said oxidative hair dye composition.

18.(new) The applicator as defined in claim 17, wherein said liquid-permeable inserts (7,8) protrude into the product-dispensing space or area (4) and beyond said product-dispensing openings (5,6) by about 1 to 10 mm, so that said oxidizing agent and said oxidative hair dye composition are mixed in said product-dispensing space or area (4) to form the oxidative hair dyeing mixture.

19.(new) The applicator as defined in claim 17, further comprising a covering foil (18) for closing said product-dispensing openings (5,6).

20.(new) The applicator as defined in claim 17, further comprising said oxidative hair dye composition contained in the first compartment (2) and said oxidizing agent contained in the second compartment (3).